

Citrus Connection Transit Development Plan

Review Team Meeting

March 11, 2025

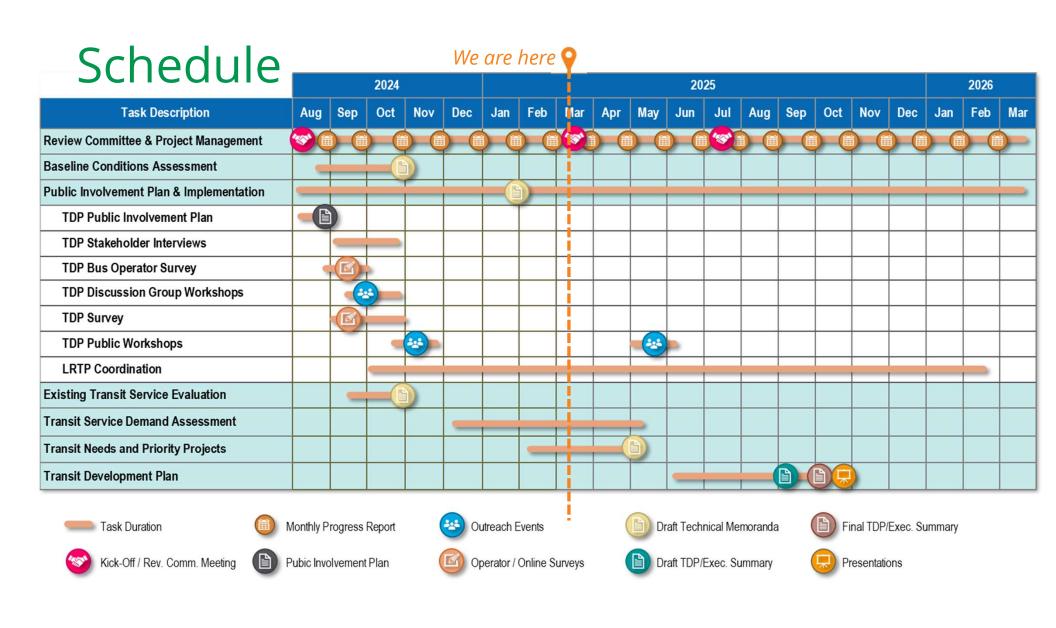




Agenda

- Project Update
- Public Outreach
- Land Use & Corridor Development Assessment
- Transit Needs Discussion
- Next Steps





Public Outreach Update



Stakeholder Results

- Regional connections
- Innovative strategies
 - Microtransit
 - Squeeze
- Connections to Lakeland Airport
- Increased frequency
- Upgraded stop infrastructure
- More UAP partnerships



Discussion Groups

- Business, Social Services, & Rider
- October November 2024
- ~30 participants
- Participants wanted:
 - Extended service hours
 - Premium service
 - Regional service

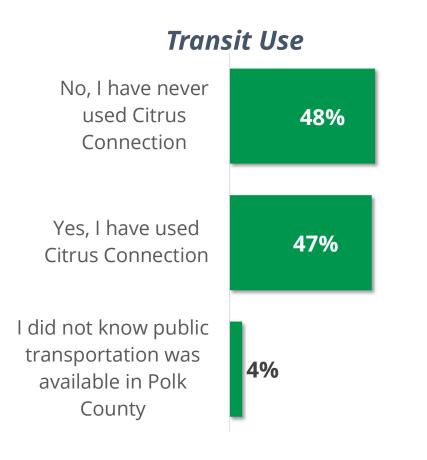


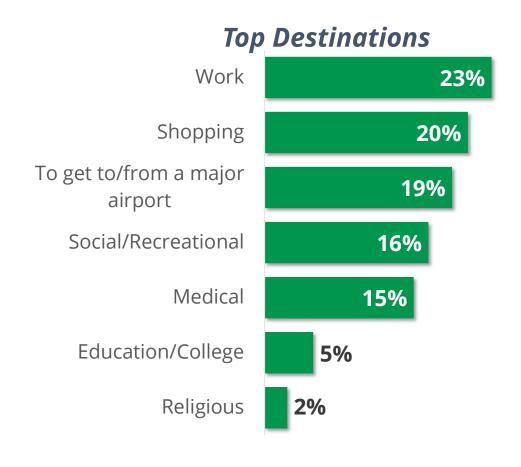
Public Workshop

- November 2024
- 74 participants
- Participants wanted
 - Extended service hours
 - Weekend service
 - More fare options & access
- Participants preferred
 - Shorter trips
 - High-frequency service

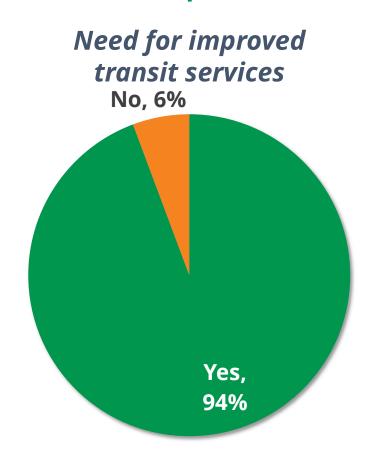


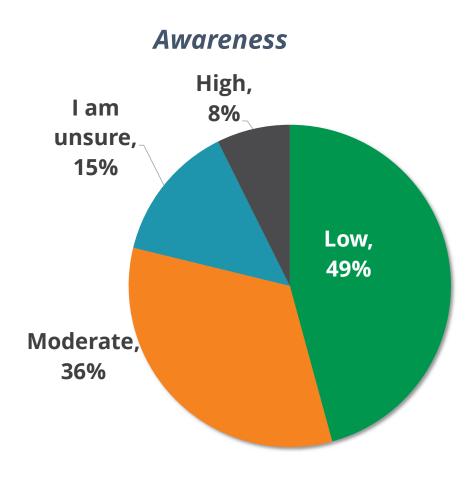
Public Input Survey Results





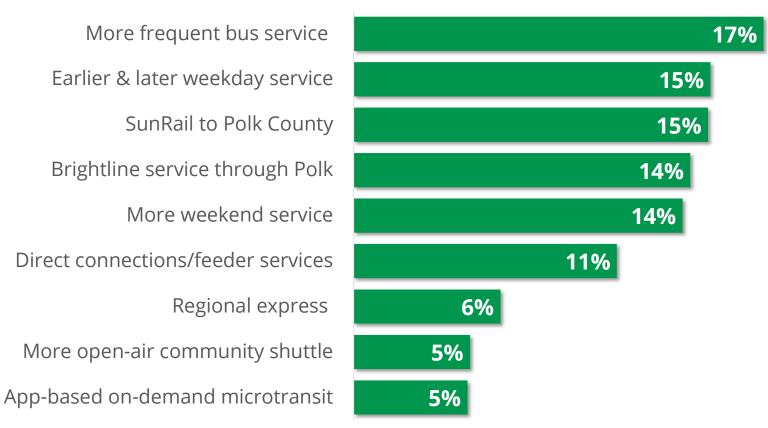
Public Input Survey Results





Public Input Survey

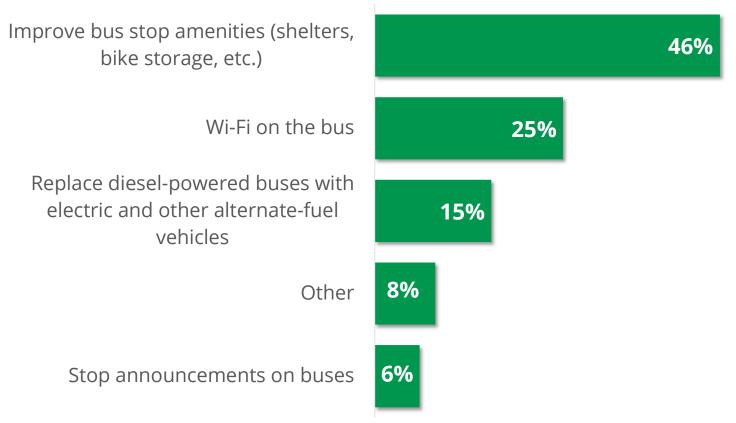
Top Service Needs





Public Input Survey

Top Capital Needs





Land Use & Corridor Assessment

- More than 20 plans reviewed
- Meeting with Polk Comprehensive Plan staff on Thursday
- Identified key corridors for prioritizing transit based on
 - Existing services
 - Projected growth
 - Public outreach
 - Plans reviewed
 - Transit-supportive land uses/urban design

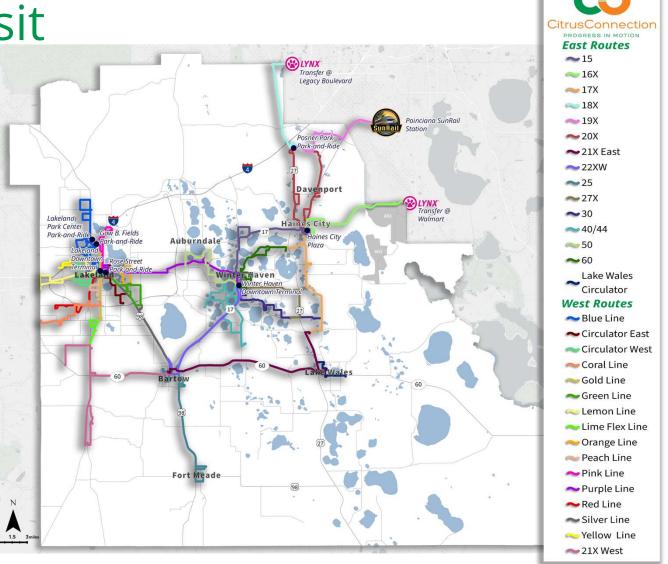


Existing Transit

Service

• 31 routes

- East- 15 routes
- West- 15 routes
- 1 East-West Connector
- 3 Squeeze Services
- Monday-Saturday
 - One Sunday route
- \$1.50 one-way fare

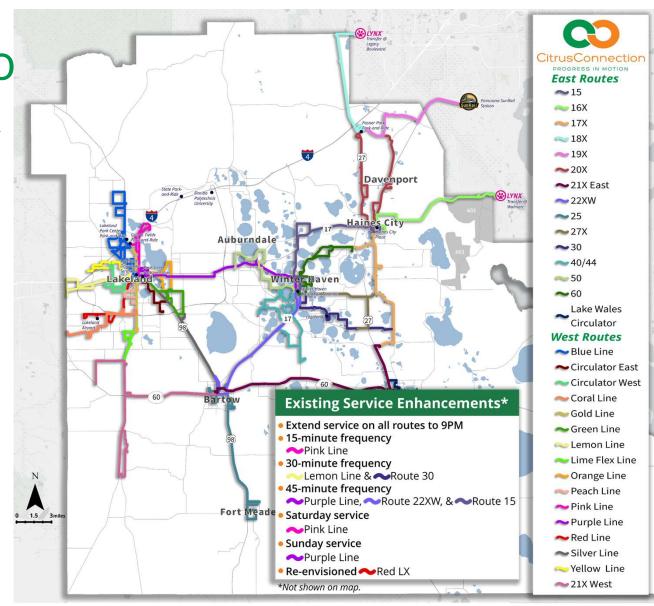


Developing 10-Year Transit Needs



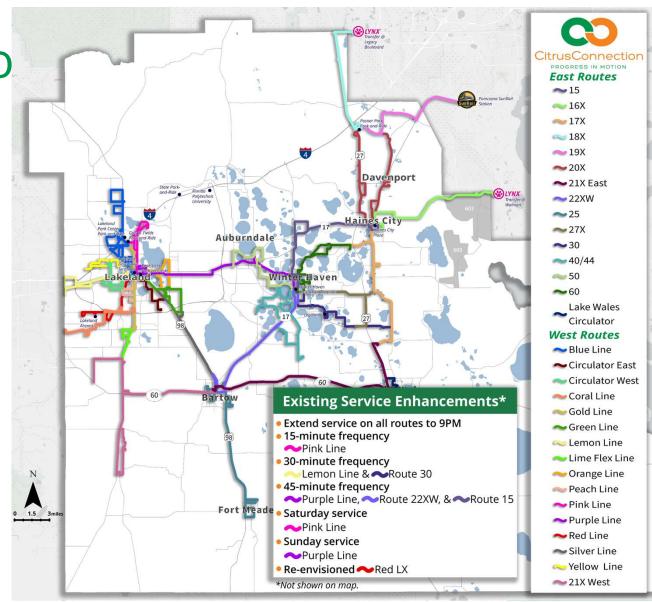
Enhancements to Existing Network

- Weekday Frequency Improvement
 - 15-minute
 - Pink
 - 30-minute
 - Lemon
 - Route 30
 - 45-minute
 - Purple
 - 22XW
 - Route 15
 - Re-envisioned route
 - Red LX



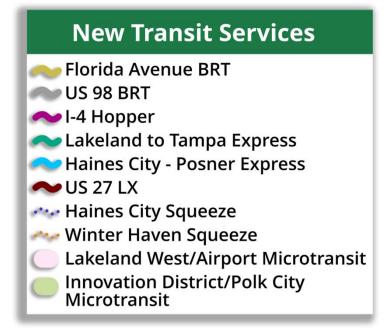
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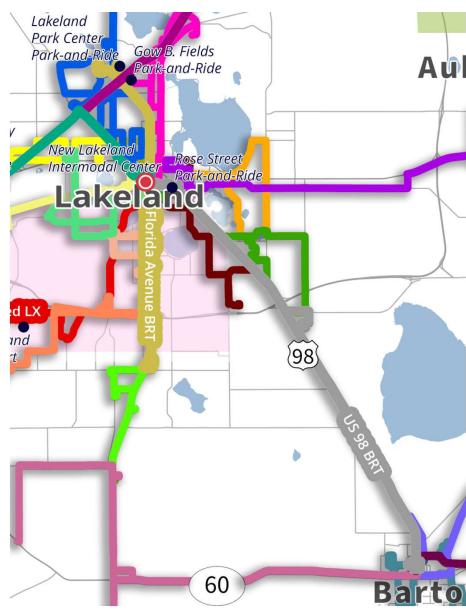
- Extend weekday service span until 9PM
 - All routes
- Add Saturday service
 - Pink
- Add Sunday service
 - Purple



Enhancements to Existing Network

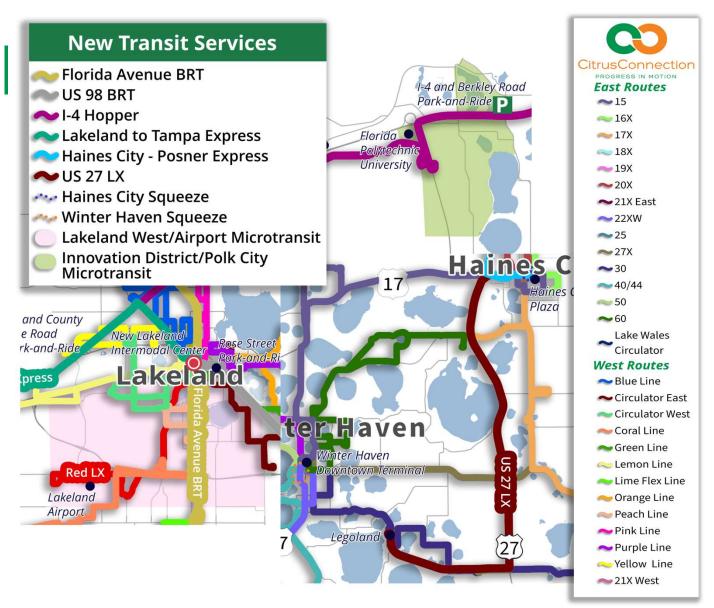
- Premium Service
 - Florida Avenue BRT
 - US 98 BRT





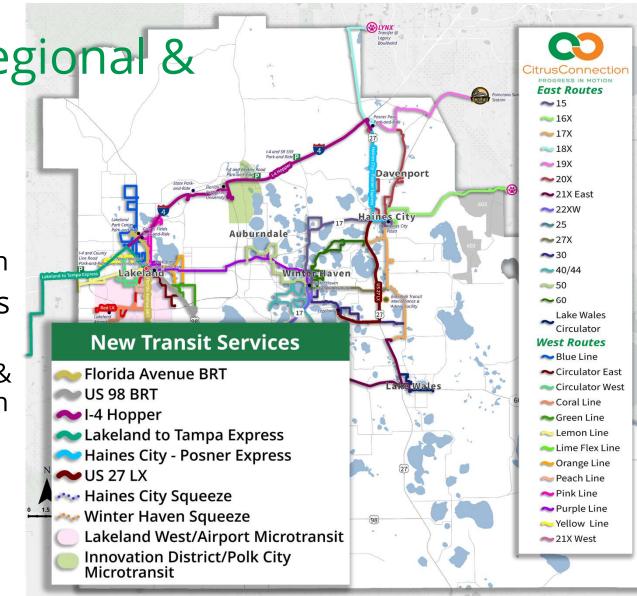
New Services Local

- New Squeeze service
 - Haines City
 - Winter Haven
- Microtransit
 - Lakeland West/ Airport
 - Innovation
 District/Polk City
- US 27 LX
 - Legoland to Haines City



New Services | Regional & SunRail Feeder

- I-4 Hopper
 - Peak hour
 - Lakeland to Posner Park & Ride until SunRail expansion
- Haines City-Posner Express
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- Lakeland-Tampa Express
 - Connects HART on SR 60

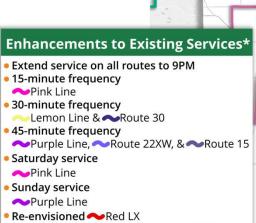


2035 Needs Plan with SunRail

- Enhancements to existing network
- New local services
- New regional & SunRail feeder services



- Florida Avenue BRT
- US 98 BRT
- ✓ I-4 Hopper
- Lakeland to Tampa Express
- **∼** US 27 LX
- Haines City Squeeze
- Winter Haven Squeeze
- Proposed SunRail
- Lakeland West/Airport Microtransit
- Innovation District/Polk City Microtransit



*Not shown on map.

East Routes ~ 15 **→** 16X **→** 17X ≈ 18X ~ 20X ~21X East ~ 22XW ~ 25 ~ 27X Auburndale ~ 30 **40/44 50** ~60 Lake Wales Circulator West Routes → Blue Line Circulator East Circulator West Coral Line Infrastructure/Technology Needs Green Line Lemon Line ■New Park-and-Rides Lime Flex Line Polk County SunRail Stations Orange Line New Lakeland Intermodal Center Peach Line East Polk Transit Maintenance & Admin Facility Pink Line Transit Signal Priority/Queue Jumps for BRT Purple Line • Alternate-Fuel Vehicles Yellow Line Expand Universal Access Partnership Program 21X West Enhanced Marketing/Awareness Program

Capital, Technology, & Policy Needs

- New Lakeland Intermodal Center
- New Park-and-Rides
- East Polk Transit Maintenance & Administration Facility
- Enhanced bus stop infrastructure
- Multiple fare options and locations
- TSP/Queue Jumps
- Expand UAP program
- Enhanced Marketing program



What is Next?

- Review and incorporate your input
- Continue coordination with LRTP team
 - Data sharing
 - LRTP Public Workshop
- Technical Memorandum #3
 - Late April/early May
- TDP Public Workshop
 - May



